

ANTI-LYNCHING BILL PASSES HOUSE

FIVE ARE GIVEN LIFE FOR LYNCHING COLORED MAN

Three White And Two Color-
ed Men, Striking Packers,
Confess Murder And Are
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OKLAHOMA CITY, Ok., Jan. 24.—Justice was speedily administered and in-heavy portions in District court here today when five self-confessed members of the party that lynched a Negro last November were brought here on the night of January 14 pleaded guilty before Judge James L. Phelps, and were sentenced to life imprisonment. The Negro, a Negro worker here, on the night of January 14 pleaded guilty before Judge James L. Phelps, and were sentenced to life imprisonment. The five are: Lee Whaley, 29; Charles Polk, 18; Elmer Years, 19; white men, also Robert Allen, 27 and Nathan But-
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Clubs of the Mob.

Exceptions were made, however, which marked the strike of the packing employees beginning Monday, December 5, reached the climax Saturday night when the Negro, a Negro worker here at the Wilson plant was taken from his home at 1805 East Fourth St. by two motor car loads of strikers, applied to the door of the Capitol in platters, and hung from the limb of a tall tree.

Two white men who had been at the supper table with the wife and little daughter when the lynch party arrived. Two white men, their hands pulled down around their faces, were hanging from the door. Brooks' little daughter answered.

Armed Men Seen Negra

"Does Jake Brooks live here?" she asked.

She replied he did. The two men, revolvers drawn, forced their way into the house and seized Brooks.

He was never seen again, and one of the men said, "We are going to run you up right."

Brooks was forced into a room, and the two men, who had been in the house, left him there until the following Tuesday when his body was seen swinging from the tree by B. A. Dancy, Negro, who was a member of the police force.

Sheriff E. H. Dancy staged an investigation of Brooks' disappearance Sunday after Brooks' wife reported that the police refused to go after the body to search for the missing man.

Situation Becomes Tense.

The discovery of Brooks' body brought the most tense situation which resulted in an appeal being made for the institution of martial law. Governor Robertson offered a reward of \$2,000 for the conviction and execution of the lynchers. A reward of \$500 for each of the party was offered by the Chamber of Commerce.

Nathan Butler, Negro, 28, an employee of Allen, Whitney and Years, and Allen were arrested by Dancy's order the Sunday after Brooks' disappearance. They were released when the Negroes began to make additional arrests. A total of twenty-five arrests were made. The men held in separate cells and questioned.

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The men out there (referring to Packington) would get me if I told them I was here," said Dancy. "They told me the side of the story. They told me that they would hang me if I told them. They all took an oath not to say anything about the hanging."

**KAPPA ALPHA PI WILL
MEET IN ST. LOUIS**

WOMAN AND MAN MURDERED AND BURNED BY MOB

Their Charred Bodies Are
Found In Ruins Of Home
After Conflagration. The
Woman's Head Is Missing.
Packing Plant Strikers
Blamed For Crime.

Special to the Argus.

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GOVERNOR HYDE TO SPEAK HERE AT CELEBRATION

Much Interest Centers On
The Approaching Lincoln-
Douglas-Roosevelt Celebra-
tion At Union Memorial
Church, Sun., Feb. 12

Extensive preparations are
being made here for the Lincoln-Douglas
Roosevelt celebration which is to be held
at the Union Memorial Church Sunday
afternoon, February 12th.

Representative Walhall M. Moon,
who is manager of the affair, has
invited Governor Hyde, Senator
Hiram Johnson, Senator James
C. Scott, Mayor Henry W.
Kiel, Collector Edmund Koch and
Louis M. Unterman. Invitations have also been
extended to the diplomatic corps, the
American City Committee, Speaker of
the House, Hon. S. E. O'Fallon and
other State officials.

Special Parade.

A special feature of the celebration
will be a street parade by the Elks precede-
d by a band. Other organizations
have been asked to take part in
a body.

Committee Meeting.

The Committee of one hundred which
will be in charge of arrangements will meet
at the Y. M. C. A. building Friday eve-
ning at 7:30 p. m. A full Committee is
expected.

**BLACK SAYS HIS
CHILDREN ARE WHITE**

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Jan. 28.—Special-
Jefferson Black, a white man of
Montgomery County, Ark., has petitioned
the Arkansas Supreme Court in an effort to prove that his children
are white. He claims that he is a
Negro.

The law of the state of Arkansas
held that any person having even the
faintest trace of Negro blood in their
veins are of the Negro race.

Black, 30, has ex-
cluded Black's children on the ground
that they have a small amount of
Negro blood. In Black's suit it is
contended that Black's children are
of Chinese descent, which comes from
their mother's side of the family but
that there is no evidence of Negro
blood at all.

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attoes in the Negro race. The wealth
of black and the wealth of white
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interest. No one can see the children
of the Negro race that they were
black but white like the other
colored children of this section, but
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It was clearly demonstrated by Dr. Dubois
that all you advocate may
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In my judgment this bill is the
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DUBOIS TALKS ON PAN-AFRICAN CONG.

Dr. W. E. B. Dubois, nationally known for his
international knowledge of the
affairs of the world and for his
unflinching advocacy of the rights
of men, spoke of the accomplishments of the
second Pan African Congress at
the meeting of A. M. Carter, Dr. W. E. B. Dubois
Tuesday night. No speaker at a St.
Louis audience has ever received more
earnest, thoughtful attention than was
accorded Dr. Dubois by the audience
and women who heard him. Dr. Dubois
and rarely has any audience anywhere
received a clearer reasoning on the
subject than that which he gave to the
audience.

He is the Negro Negro to take part

in the Pan African Congress is of
the same which have made necessary the
revolutions in India, China and Egypt.
The South African, Negro Congress,
African National Congress, and
various other organizations and
activities by colored races for protection
against the greed and decadence
and exploitation of the white races
and wealth of the countries settled
by white peoples.

Dr. Dubois gave an excellent
outline of the settlement of Hong
Kong and British and French concessions
in China. He gave St. Louis the clear
outline of the work of the Post-Dubois
"extra-territorial" so much written
in the daily papers at this time we have
heard.

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HARRY B. HAWES OPINION ON THE LYNCHING BILL

In Letter To Baptist Minis-
ters Union, Says Will On-
ly Pass House In Emas-
culated Form. Confident
President Will Not Sign
It If Passed.

SAYS THE BILL IS MOST UN- FORTUNATE FOR NEGROES

Following the telegram sent to Harry
Hawes, by the Baptist Ministers Union,
Mr. Hawes sent a lengthy reply in
which he expressed his opinion of the
Anti-Lynching Bill. The following is
a copy of the telegram and reply.

St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 12—

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DYER MEASURE WINS 230 TO 11

Success Comes After
And Bitter Fight Ag-
It By Democrats. Bill
Goes To Senate.

Congressman Dyer Rec-
Many Telegrams Con-
gratulating Him On His
Fight And Victory.

Just as we go to press, the Argus
received a telegram from Hon. J.
Dyer informing us that the Anti-Lynching
Bill had passed the House of
Representatives 230 to 11.

Virgil Franklins sent a telegram bearing the news
of the passage of the new famous
sure.

The bill is the climax in a long line
of Congressmen of this city to
a law passed marking lynching a
certain era. The passage of the
bill was bitterly opposed by the
Democrats, who tried to defeat the
bill.

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STATE RIGHTS

Those who are opposed to the Anti-lynching bill are relying upon what they call "State Rights" to defeat the bill either in the House or in the Senate.

The argument is old. It is as old as lynching itself. Its just another way of saying "Right to Lynch" without interference on the part of the United States Government. To lynch a Negro is a right of pleasure to a large number of white people of America. And we see that some members of Congress are among that number. Everybody who has the right to punish a citizen without the due process of law. It is equally true that every State is constitutionally bound to give all citizens the equal protection of law. This has not been done. We challenge anyone to say it has been done in this country. Because Negroes have been lynched as a mere pastime or sport, and state after state has declared themselves helpless to prevent it and powerless to prosecute the lynchers and as a result, we have right here in America over five hundred thousand known murderers at large and no one to bring them to justice. Each one murdered, first, because they are "white" second because of "State Rights."

State officials representing the states in the capacities of judges, juries, sheriffs, constables, jailors and governors have failed. Hence the states have failed to give the Negro protection from mob violence.

The anti-lynching law is the proper thing, if lynching is to be broken up. There is no other course open.

Many Laws Covered By Federal Statutes

The Federal statutes are full of protective laws which operate in the states and we don't hear these lynch-lovers hollering about them. We have Federal laws to protect the birds, the fishes, the cattle, the drug addict, liquor, stolen automobiles and many other subjects. Why none of these defenders of State Rights have ever raised their voice against these laws. Its because they think at the proper thing for the government to do. But when it comes to protection of human life they show their colors: they don't care.

We admit that the Negroes of America are particularly interested in the success of the bill. We have feelings, hopes and aspirations. We want our lives secure in the pursuits of happiness just the same as any other citizen. When that is done with the sanction of the government, it becomes a crime that is unbearable.

For the life of us, we cannot see how any man, be he ever so depraved by practice, or warped by doing small things, can lay upon the bloody record of lynching and burning of human beings and have the gall to stand up in Congress and make a fight to maintain that condition.

We cannot see how some newspapers, especially the St. Louis Post Dispatch who claim to stand for law and order would plead for the right to end the life of the lyncher by opposing the bill on the flimsy excuse of State Rights.

What are you going to do when officers fail to do their duty and states fail to act? Shall lynching go merrily on, while the lovers of the sport hide behind State Rights?

Strange as it may appear, despite of the arguments of those opposing the bill, to the effect that they are "opposed to lynching" we have never heard one of them, (newspapers included) advocate a single law which had for its purpose breaking up of mobs.

STAY OUT OF THE RACE MELIMSEY

E. E. Melimsey of Springfield, Mo. was in this city a few days ago and according to newspaper reports, said that he had been invited to enter the Senatorial race this year. Of course, he stated that he had no desire to do so, but that he would be about the matter. Ambition being blind, he is likely to yield.

Inasmuch as he is not likely to consult us about the matter, we will volunteer and advise him to stay out of the Senatorial race, as the same fate awaits him as did when he ran for governor two years ago.

The one big job for the people in the Thirty-second District next Tuesday Jan. 31, will be to get out a large Republican vote.

Its up to you to stop talking and go to work. Vote yourself, and then see that the other fellow votes Tuesday, Jan. 31.

Don't forget your friends. Your enemies some how will keep you reminded of their ever presence.

This Week

This space will be devoted each week to a discussion of Community Problems and Current Topics.

By Geo. W. Buckner

WHERE WILL YOU GO WHEN YOU GET SICK?

The percentage of people who, after having traveled, are "relatively well" is relatively small. The majority of people keep sick and are little concerned about where they shall spend their sick days.

But there are thoughtful people, particularly the same few who, while the "sophomore" problems are interested in providing a comfortable institution for them in case of hospitalization.

Just now the People's Hospital, the only private institution of its kind in St. Louis, which is entirely operated by the people, is passing through the same critical period as private hospitals must experience.

It needs more and better facilities, particularly the facilities of life and community, and those who come from the sections of Missouri and other states. It is our bounden duty to support the hospital, and no other way than a patriotic effort can be made.

The majority of the 70,000 Negroes this community cannot secure treatment in white hospitals because they are not admitted.

It is probable that

OPEN LETTER TO SUMNER ALUMNI

REPORT OF P. P. B. ASSN.



JOHN D. DUPREE WILKERSON

To Members of the Sumner Alumni Association:

A most interesting meeting of the Sumner Alumni Association took place on Saturday, January 28—when the topic of the hour will be presented for ratification.

It was a pleasant awakening in getting together of pledges asking that a Sumner Alumni Association be formed.

And why? Because there was need for a group of interested persons to do something for a greater interest of the boys and girls who are to graduate from the portals in the future.

What kind of a Sumner Alumni Association should it be? Shall it be a social organization, or shall it be an organization with a purpose? Oh,

we have no more organizations; it does not fit in with us.

It is a natural continuation of the Sumner organization, but we must, even the suggestion to many neighbors, we shall automatically continue our organization into a social organization.

It is to be noted, therefore, that only a group interested in a "Sumner Alumni Association" is accepted so that the association might not be curtailed.

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NAT'L MEMORIAL SERVICES, HONOR OF COL. YOUNG

Date Will Be Announced Later For Exercises Commemorating The Life Of Famous Negro Soldier Who Died Recently While On Duty In Liberia

The Associated Negro Press
CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—"General G. O. Young, represented the hope of the Negro soldier," thus spoke Col. O. B. Bowles, of the 31st Illinois Regt., in his address at a memorial service, for the Associated Negro Press.

Colonel Dineen is a hero of the Great War, and now, the Negroes of Liberia, who have been serving in the United States Army, Colonel Dineen, like Colored Americans throughout the country, was deeply moved by the news.

The Associated Negro Press, presents its usual services throughout the entire United States, on a date to be announced later, appropriate exercises will be held in honor of the famous soldier, and a rededication of the race to the principles of justice and freedom which Col. Young held so sacred.

Highest Regiment In John Plan
Speaking in behalf of the Eighth, Regt., the highest regiment in the Army, commanding officer, heartily approves of the idea of memorial services for Colonel Young.

Colonel Young has a great military record.

He is the soldier who sold

in the city to take part in the re

memorial service, he died in the

Colored Army, and whom knew Col.

Colonel Young said: "Such an even

as proposed will be an inspiration

to the race, and will impress

the entire people of the country

with the patriotic devotion of Col.

Colonel Young.

Colonel Young, Washington, there were

and observing homage paid to

the unknown soldier. "We now have

opportunities to honor a known

soldier who has given his life for

his country."

New York, The Fifteenth Regt.

is making plans to honor Col.

in an appropriate manner.

He has not been borned

containing the diamond of the body, but

likely that it will be brought

to the colored men.

Colonel Young spent his early

in Zanesville, Ohio, where he

lived for many years.

Ohio, where he

lives in a most beautiful

home provided by the colored

men of the city to honor

in tribute to Colored men.

Colonel Young, Washington, to make it

one of the most notable military

funerals ever held in the city.

Colonel Young, a

native of Kentucky, he and his

brother in 1916 left the United

States to serve in France.

He reached his maturity in

1917, when he reached

the age of 20.

He was retired for physical

disability early in the World War, with

the rank of Captain.

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